

**REMARKS**

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicants thank the Examiner for carefully considering this application.

**Disposition of the Claims:**

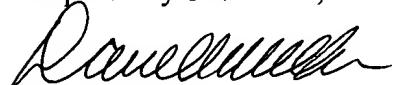
Claims 1-28 are pending in this application. Claims 1-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Tivoli Secure Way Policy Director For Operating Systems Administration Guide Version 3 Release 7. Applicants respectfully traverse the examiner's assertions. Tivoli is a division of IBM, which is the same assignee of the present application. The cited reference merely documents the inventors' own invention. Records of the assignee show that there were two release dates for the cited reference; November 7, 2000 and January 23, 2001. Further, the reference only displays a copyright notice of 2000. This fact does not indicate the exact date of the publication. The copyright notice is not evidence of a publication date. In addition, the present invention was submitted for internal review and preparation of the patent application prior to these release dates.

Assignee records show a date of conception of July 18, 2000. The internal approval process for IBM and the process of preparation and filing of the application immediately followed. The process for disclosing information is to first announce a release date prior to the release of the product. The announcement date is not the date the product is available to the public. Regardless of whether the November 7, 2000 was the release date of announcement date, in the case this date is after the date of conception.

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In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that the Application is now in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejections and passage to issuance is respectfully requested. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

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